AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

1 – 30. (Cancelled)

31. (New) A method for configuring point-of-sale terminals and at least one management center communicating therewith, the method comprising:

employing a configuration builder to create first and second linked files;

utilizing said first file to create an application;

supplying said second file to said management center;

utilizing said second file to define a parameter structure which is adapted to said application and linked thereto;

supplying said application to a management center;

operating said management center to select said application for at least one selected point-of-sale terminal and associating said parameter structure which is adapted to said selected application with said at least one selected point of sale terminal;

employing said parameter structure for setting parameter values suitable for said selected application and said selected at least one selected point-of-sale terminal; and

supplying said application and said parameter values to said at least one selected point of sale terminal.

32. (New) A method for configuration of point-of-sale terminals according to claim 31 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to configure an operator interface in said management center using said parameter structure.

33. (New) A method for configuration of point-of-sale terminals according to claim 31 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to configure at least one database in said management center on the basis of said parameter structure.

34. (New) A method for configuration of point-of-sale terminals according to claim 31 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to reflect changes

made by a software programmer in said application using said configuration builder in said parameter structure stored in at least one database.

35. (New) A method for configuring point-of-sale terminals comprising:

employing at least one management center receiving an application and a parameter structure;

operating said management center to select said application for at least one selected point-of-sale terminal and associating said parameter structure which is adapted to said selected application with said at least one selected point of sale terminal;

employing said parameter structure for setting parameter values suitable for said selected application and said selected at least one selected point-of-sale terminal; and

supplying said application and said parameter values to said at least one selected point of sale terminal.

36. (New) A method for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 35 and wherein said application is created by utilizing a first of first and second linked files.

37. (New) A method for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 36 and wherein said parameter structure is defined by utilizing a second of said first and second linked files and is adapted to said application and linked thereto.

38. (New) A method for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 35 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to configure an operator interface in said management center using said parameter structure.

39. (New) A method for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 35 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to configure at least one database in said management center on the basis of said parameter structure.

40. (New) A method for configuration of point-of-sale terminals according to claim 35 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to reflect changes

made by a software programmer in said application using said configuration builder in said parameter structure stored in at least one database.

41. (New) A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals comprising:

a configuration builder operative to create first and second linked files;

an application generator utilizing said first file to create an application;

a parameter structure generator utilizing said second file to define a parameter structure which is adapted to said application and linked thereto;

a management center receiving said application and said parameter structure and being operative to select said application for at least one selected point-of-sale terminal and to associate said parameter structure which is adapted to said selected application with said at least one selected point of sale terminal.

42. (New) A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 41 and wherein said management center includes functionality for employing said parameter structure for setting parameter values suitable for said selected application and said selected at least one selected point-of-sale terminal and supplying said application and said parameter values to said at least one selected point of sale terminal.

43. (New) A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 41 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to configure an operator interface in said management center using said parameter structure.

44. (New) A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 41 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to configure at least one database in said management center on the basis of said parameter structure.

45. (New) A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 41 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to reflect changes made by a software programmer in said application using said configuration builder in said parameter structure stored in at least one database.

46. (New) A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals comprising:

at least one management center receiving an application and a parameter structure; and

an application selector operating said management center to select said application for at least one selected point-of-sale terminal and to associate said parameter structure which is adapted to said selected application with said at least one selected point of sale terminal.

47. (New) A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 46 and also comprising:

a parameter selector employing said parameter structure for setting parameter values suitable for said selected application and said selected at least one selected point-of-sale terminal.

48. (New) A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 47 and also comprising an application supply functionality operative to supply said application and said parameter values to said at least one selected point of sale terminal.

49. (New) A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 46 and wherein said application is created by utilizing a first of first and second linked files

50. (New) A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 47 and wherein said parameter structure is defined by utilizing a second of said first and second linked files and is adapted to said application and linked thereto.

51. (New) A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 46 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to configure an operator interface in said management center using said parameter structure.

52. (New) A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 46 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to configure at least one database in said management center on the basis of said parameter structure.

53. (New) A system for configuring point-of-sale terminals according to claim 46 and wherein said management center is automatically operative to reflect changes in said application made by a software programmer in said parameter structure stored in at least one database.